

# TEC

# NEWS



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## THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS



SPECIAL ANA ISSUE FOR CINCINNATI CONVENTION 1988

from the  
**PRESIDENT'S DESK**



Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th St., Terre Haute, IN. 47803

Hello ANA Visitor

Here we are in Cincinnati, Ohio for the 97th ANA Convention. The TEC Club has made this special edition of the TEC Newsletter available to Convention visitors again this year. It is not the regular 20 page edition we put out but we hope you enjoy the articles and Buy-Sell-Trade ads in it anyway. The TEC Club has a booth at the convention and we hope you visit it while you are here. We will have FREE elongated coins available to all visitors and will be glad to answer questions about elongated coins. We will also be glad to sign you up as a member if you so desire. Dues are only \$5.00 per year and many benefits go with the membership. These are listed on the back page of this newsletter. The TEC Club also has a special Badge available, Limited Issue of only 100 and they sell for only \$5.00 each. They are rolled on 1988 Quarters and are real collectors items.

As president of TEC I wish you all a happy convention and want to thank you for your interest in our club and newsletter. If we can be of any help to you while you are here please let any of the helpers at the table know. We will be glad to answer questions, show some of the items we have on display and tell you about them.

I also want to thank all the people who have helped out at this years convention. It takes several people to man the booth, hand out newsletter and FREE coins and answer questions and in general, be a nice person to visitors.

The TEC general meeting will be on Thursday Morning at 10:00 AM in room 226. We hope you will be able to visit our meeting. A general meeting will take place and a short auction of some nice items donated by members will be held at the end of the meeting.

Thanks again to the many members who have sent in articles for the newsletter and the items for the auction. This has been a big help to me. Till later

Frank

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ATTENTION**

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not too large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

**NOTICE!**

**ALL ADVERTISERS**

Advertising rates will remain the same for the present until a further study is made. Only camera ready ads will be accepted until further notice.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$25.00      ½ page \$15.00      ¼ page \$10.00



**DEADLINE NOTICE**

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for articles and ads is Sept. 15th 1988      Send at once if you can.





Listed below are some of the Elongated Coins that have been made for the 97th ANA Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio this year. There may be others out there someplace but these are the only one's we have knowledge of at the time of this Newsletter. How many do you have?? Stop by the tables at the Convention and collect yours.

Great Lakes Coin Co.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Check your listing  
of dealers tables and  
stop by and pick one  
up. Say "Hi" to Norm  
and wife Nancy Talbert.



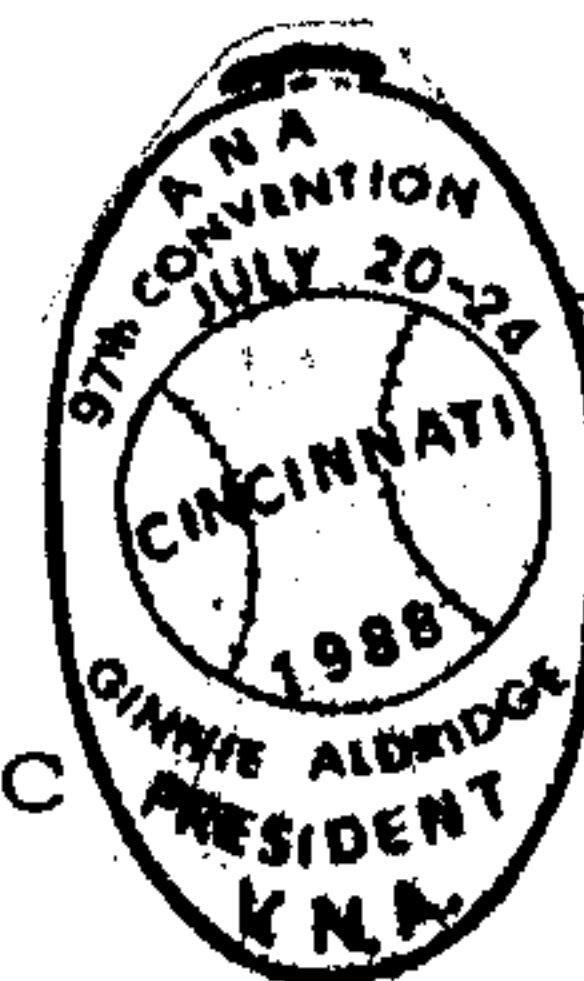
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Kansas City, Mo. Again Check  
your dealers listings  
and see where this table  
is located and stop by  
and say "Hi" to "Dutch"  
and pick up an Elongated Coin.



This die made for Tom and  
Ruth Armstrong. Only  
250 Cents rolled.



This die made for Ginnie  
Aldridge. She is on Board of  
Directors for TEC and is  
President of Virginia Numismatic  
Assn. Only 250 Cents rolled.



This die made for James  
Glazer. Only 250 cents  
were rolled for Jim. A  
sample coin will be given  
TEC members who attend the  
TEC Meeting Thursday Morning  
at 10:00 Am in room 226



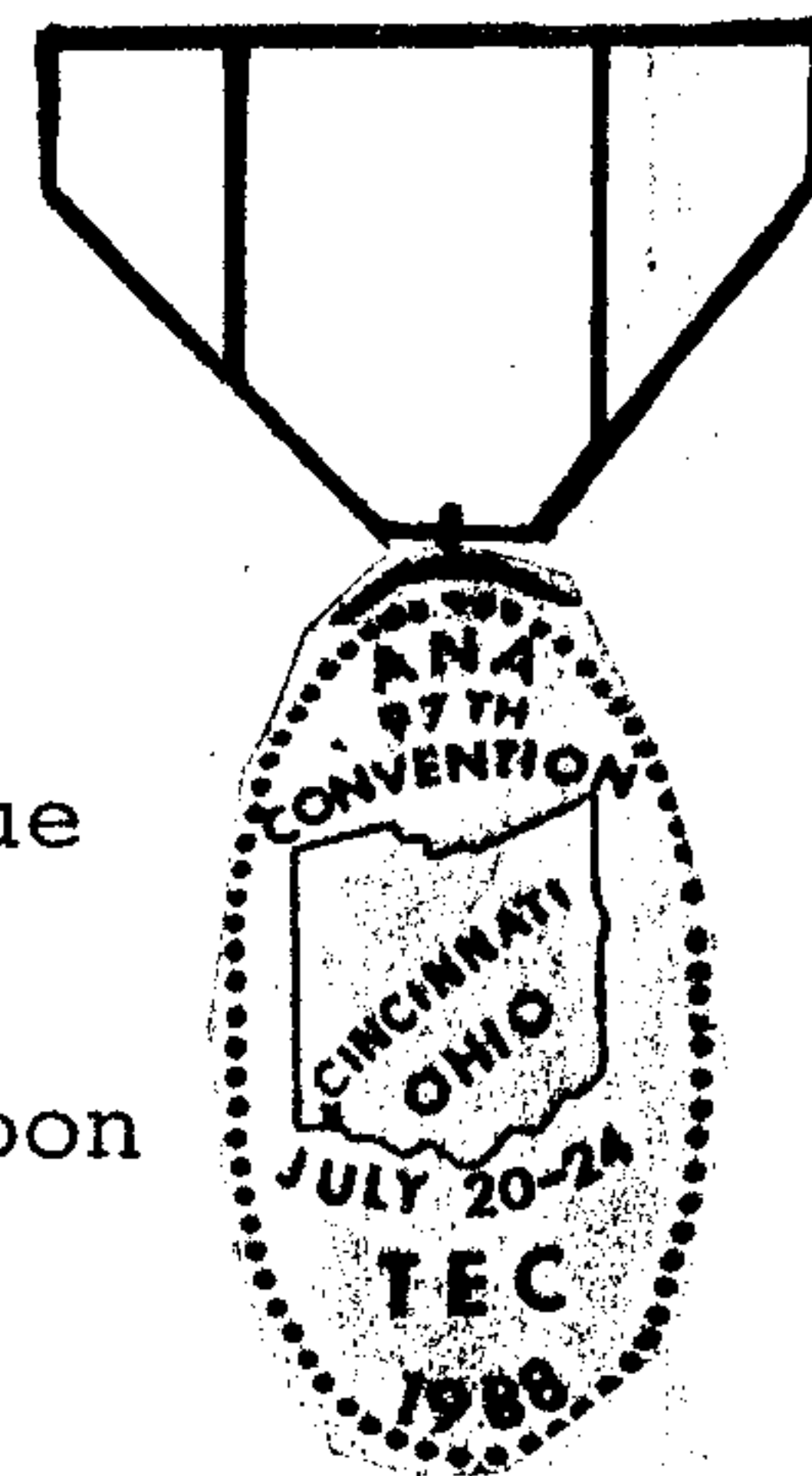
This die made for TEC to  
be given away at the TEC  
Table at the convention.  
Pick up one there.



This die made by and for  
Frank Brazzel to give  
away at the Convention.  
You can pick one up  
at the TEC Table or ask  
Frank for one.



The TEC Badge made on a  
1988 Quarter, limited issue  
of 100 coins are for sale  
at the TEC Table for only  
\$5.00 each with Fancy Ribbon  
so you can wear it.



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Best Wishes to all TEC / ANA Members in Cincinnati! Sorry I couldn't be there for all the fun! Don't forget, if you come by any Georgia Material for sale, I collect all kinds, especially Trade Tokens and squashed (Elongated) coins. Write: R.W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Rd., Tucker, GA. 30084 All the best.

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Lords Prayer Cents all listed in Martin -Dow Reference Book- 8 Different in 2x2 holders, price levels 1 and 2 listed, Page number listed, all facts as to Martin-Dow Book listed on holders. All 8 for only \$5.00. This offering is Limited one set per order. Write; Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St. Terre Haute, IN. 47803 Limited number of sets available at this price!



## The Stretched-Out Collector

Until about a year ago, I was, like most collectors of officially issued coinage, disdainful of most exnumia. Then I began acquiring a few Hard Times Tokens as an adjunct of Large Cent Collecting. Then last autumn I saw an ad for an elongated Century of Progress coin which was rolled on a 1909-s Lincoln Cent at a price of \$13.00 Preposterous, I thought. Why would anyone mash flat such a scarce coin? But a little further thought suggested that it might have been a damaged coin, or an altered coin. Or it might have been rolled at a time when 1909-S VDB's were selling slowly at .50¢ each, as they were about 1939.

Then I wondered, what had the reverse of the coin looked like? Could it have had that intriguing VDB at the bottom? It could have been pulled out of someones pocket at the CPIE in 1933 or 1934. So much for "what might have been"

Well, I ordered the elongated, but it had been sold. That same day I went to a bourse where dealer friend showed me a batch of stuff he'd just bought. There were some Columbian Exposition Medals, which I collect, and a couple of elongateds of 1893. I bought one as a companion piece to a medal. It was rolled on a cent of 1889.

That was my first elongate, and it was purchased, as I might say, with my left hand.

In the next couple months I bought a few more squashed coins commemorating fairs and expositions to expand and enrich the interest in the medals I had. Then I saw an article in "Coin World" about TEC, and I learned it means "The Elongated Collector" the phrase conjured visions of stretched-out numismatists, relaxed, perhaps slenderized.

This had a refreshing aura about it. Collectors of US Federal coinage hardly furnish an image of relaxation. It is rather one of torment, grading confusion, and high prices, even bankruptcy. Having seen the ad I instantly fired off \$5.00 to Ray Dillard for a membership. I sent a money order, as I sensed that he did not want filthy US currency cluttering up his home.

Since that time I have received two issues of the "News" and I have had some good reading from it. Also I have ordered some books, items from the Chet Rogers estate, and various elongates, all in one way or another through the club. I have now read "Yesterdays Elongateds" and having read the Bert Samsa's article on "Elongated Reference Material" I see that there is much more reading ahead for me. If I can find the books.

Besides elongates of Fairs and Expositions, I have acquired several numismatically-related ones. I collect rolled-outs of Coin Clubs, societies, associations, and personals. These have become a fascinating complement to my other collecting specialties, which are primarily, US Large Cents, Civil War Tokens, and Ancients.

Specialists in these series don't seem to hanker after elongates, but I understand that many are casting about for something to collect which will not drive them into the poorhouse.

Maybe I can spread the word a bit.

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FREE Lists, celebrating 25 years exclusively exnumia sales. Write:  
Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA. 95692

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Still have a few lots of 100 Bulk Elongateds from Chet Rogers Estate at \$12.00  
Have 5 lots of 100 left in 2x2 holders and plastic pages at \$15.00 per 100  
This is the end of it. Order from Frank Brazzell, 53 So 20th St. Terre Haute, IN  
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John Spadone  
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# "The Unlisted Doodlebug"

Fifty Four Years have gone by, since the closing of "A Century Of Progress" international exposition (Chicago Worlds Fair) 1933-1934 and the Doodlebug Elongate has not surfaced.

According to David Singer (The rolling machine's supervisor) the Doodlebug was a kiddies ride that are usually found at any amusement park.

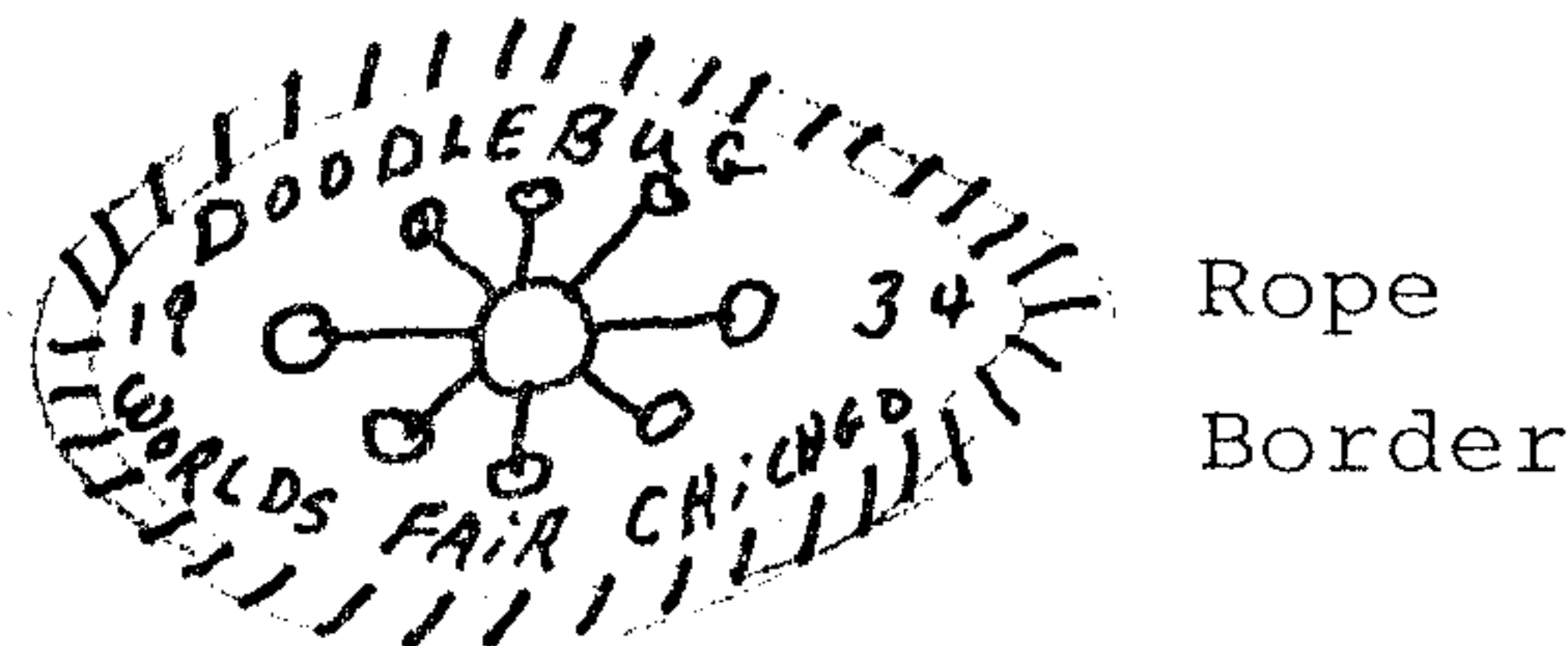
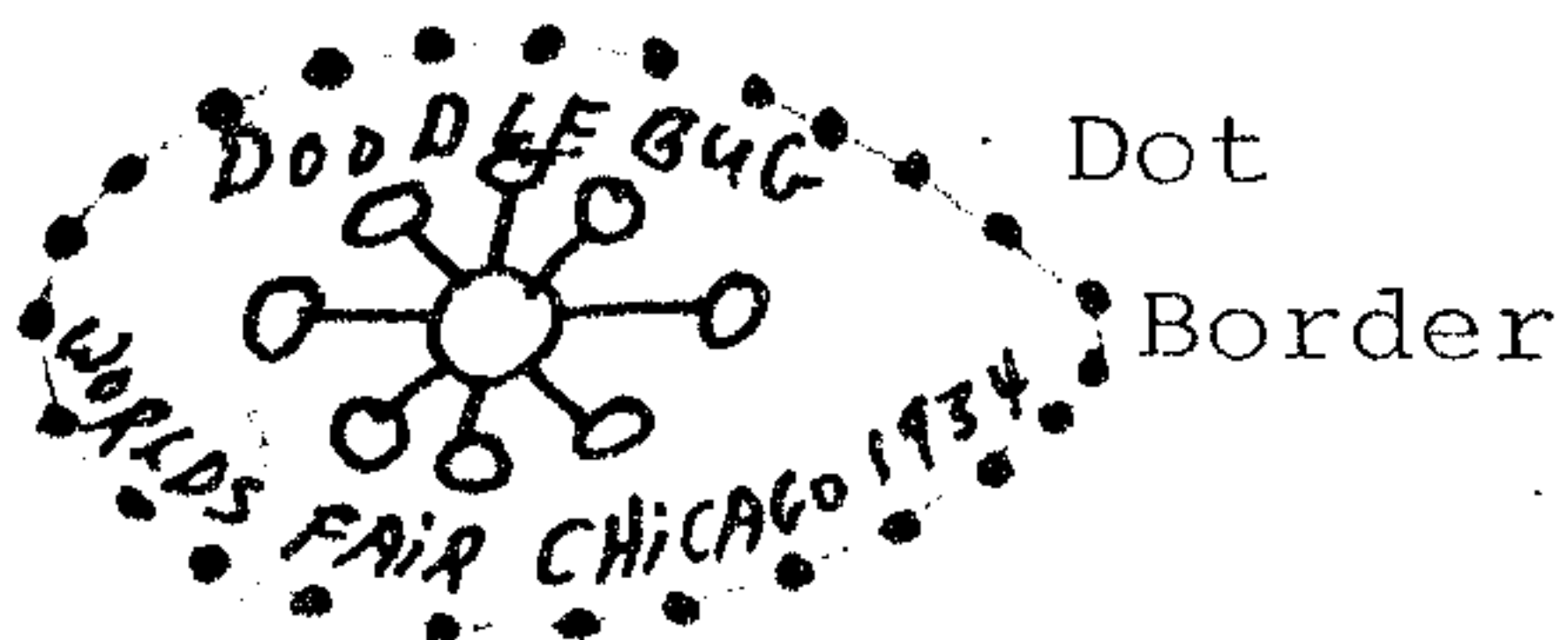
In my opinion it could be 6 to 12 cars, made up to look like a bug, and moved around in a circle.

The Doodlebug Elongated was not a popular seller, and like many others it was dropped. The dies were ground off and the steel roll was re-engraved for another attraction.

Yesterday's Elongated" Book by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow, mentions that roller, Maurice Ferman sold 42 Doodlebug coins on June 4th and 54 more on June 5 of 1934, which totals only 96 in two days.

Years later David Singer met Maurice Ferman in a dentist's office, talked about the old times, and discovered that nither one of them kept a Doodlebug Elongate.

If one follows the (C.P.I.E.) elongate engraving style, a couple sketches could be drawn. I will attempt to recreate what a Doodlebug may appear to look like



This rough sketch may look something like what they look. Anyway, it will have to do until we find one. Anyone out there seen anything like these??

The principle of Supply and demand determines the value of any item, whether its a coin, token, elongate. IF the supply is high and the demand is low then the price will be low. On the other hand, if the supply is low and the demand is high then the price will be high. In some cases it doesn't matter if supply is high or low, if there is no demand then the price will be low or priced as a common item. Anyone who can furnish information on the above coin, please write me as I am very interested to see what a real Doodlebug coin looks like. Anyone who has seen one and can furnish any information I will appreciate.

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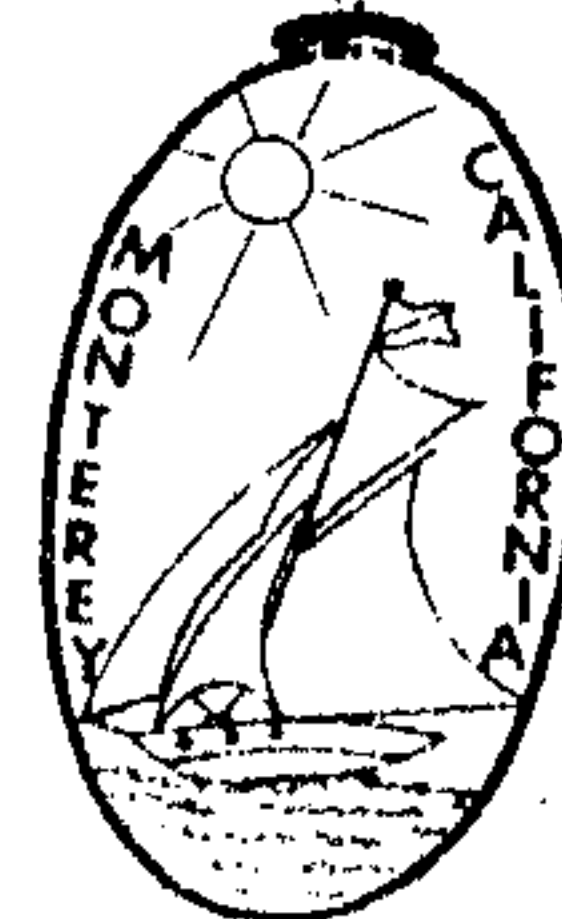
Buy Sell-Trade Buy-Sell-Trade Buy- Sell- Trade

Sheboygan Coin Club has issued an Elongated Penny for the 30th Anniversary of the Coin Club. Limited Issue on 1958 Cents. Available for \$1.00 ea, plus S.A.S.E. Write to Sheboygan Coin Club P.O. Box 907, Sheboygan, WI. 53081.



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+++++ Oldies, Elongated Cents 48 Different in 2x2 holders, all listed in Martin-Dow reference book by page number, Price Level, Book Number, Sell for \$100.00. Book over \$300 by Martin - Dow prices. Order from: Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th St. Terre Haute, IN. 47803





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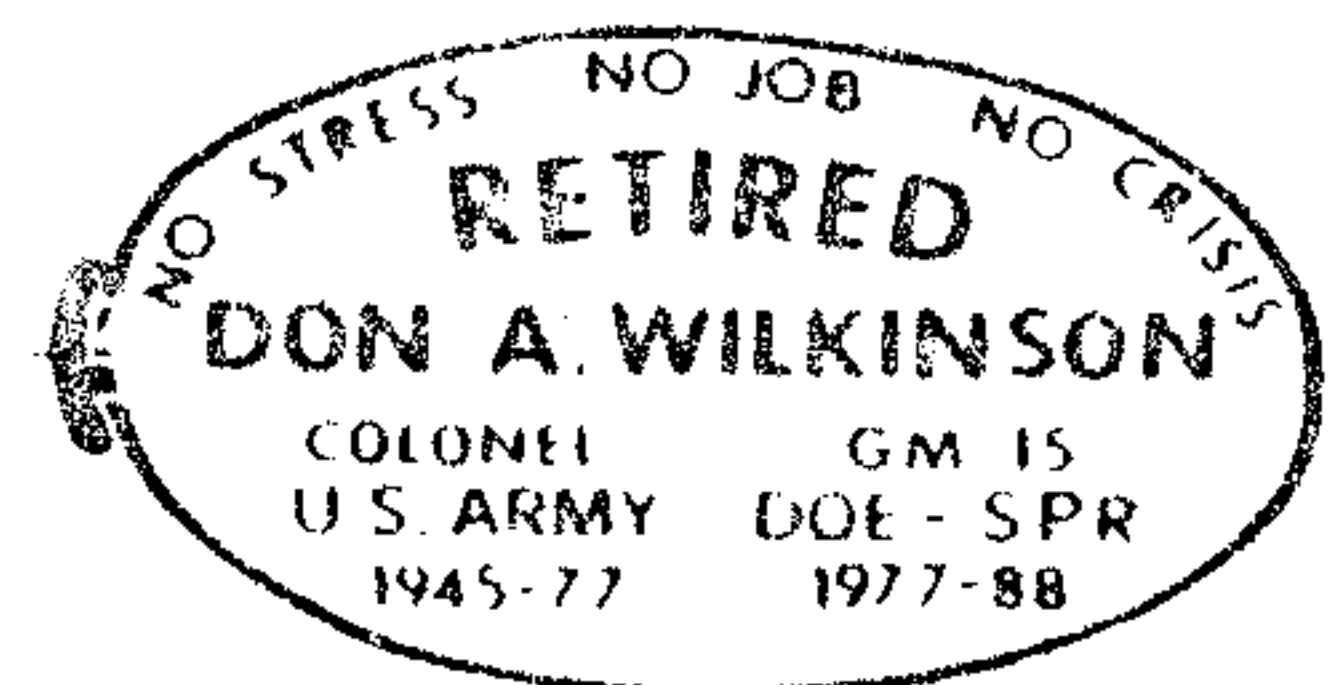
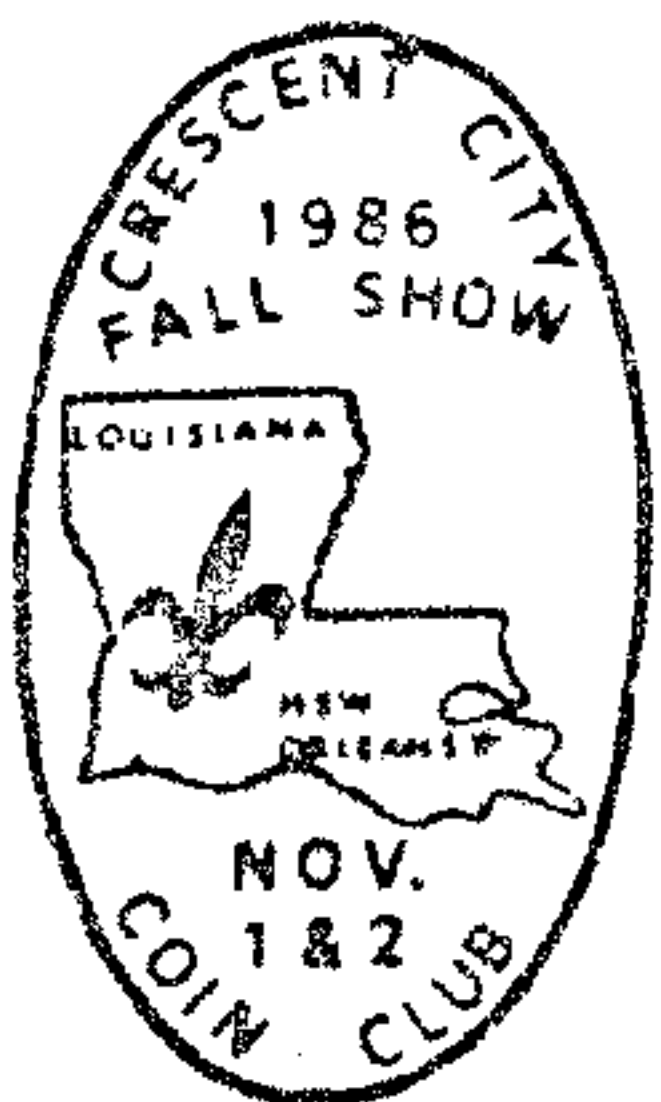
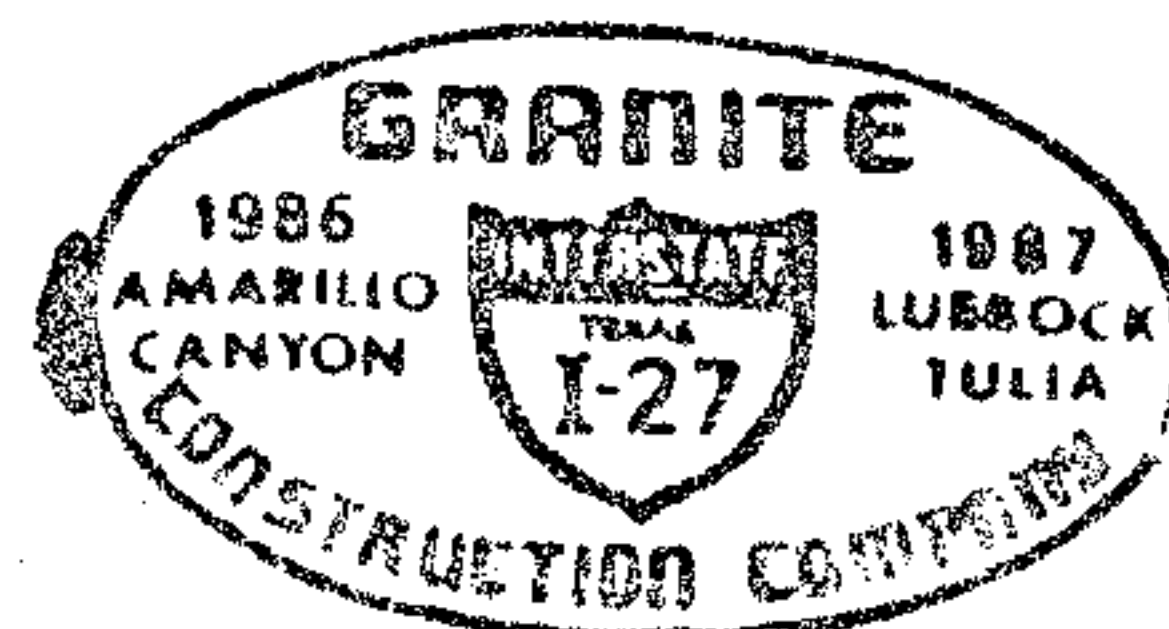
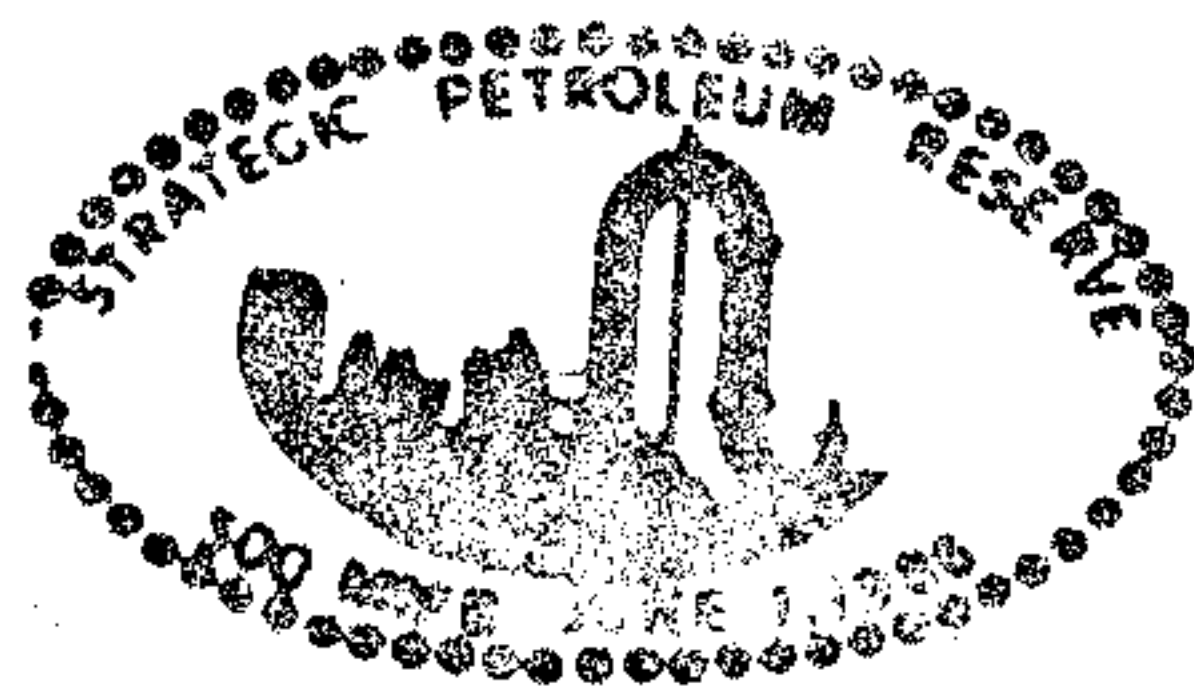
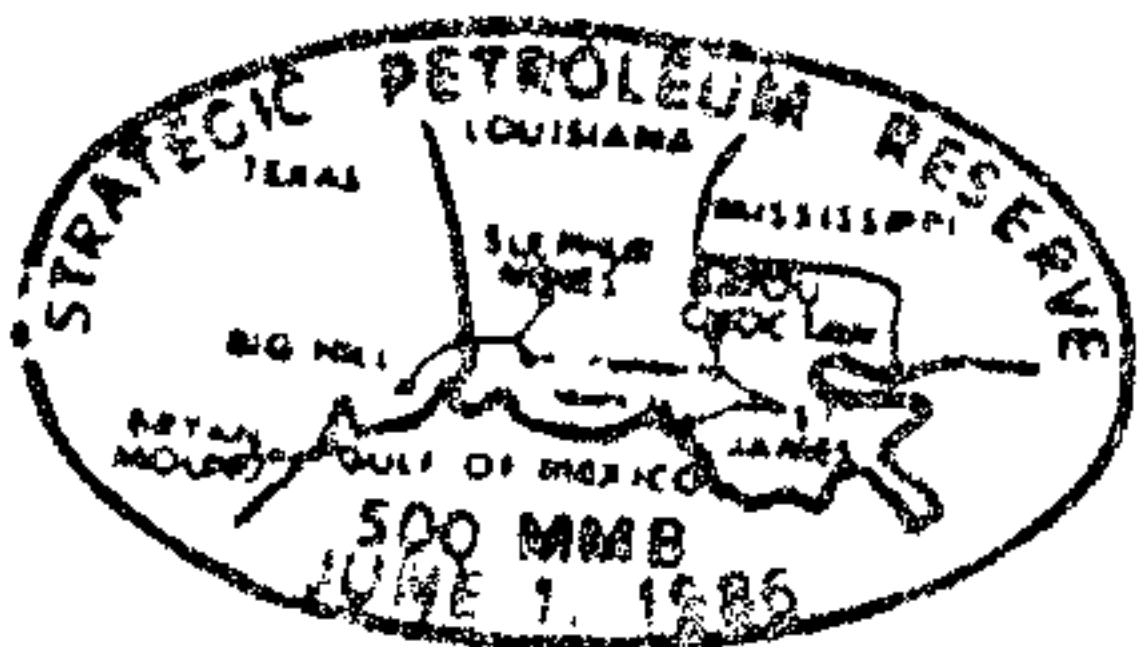
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1989 ELONGATED CALENDAR

Do you want to be a part of history? Would you like to have your name and birthday on a calendar? Now is your chance! Elongated Advertising of Alaska is now putting together a 1989 calendar. We are soliciting general information that will be of interest to the elongated collector; ie: 1st T.E.C. meeting, etc., these items will be printed free of charge. Personal information; ie: your name on your birthdate, will cost \$1.00 for a 25 character line, be sure to count all letters, spaces, and punctuation marks. Time is short - send your entries to: Bert Samsa, 611 Cowles St. Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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FOR SALE: Elongated Cents, STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE, 2 different- Map or Logo. CRESCENT CITY COIN CLUB, 2 different - 1986 Fall Show or 25th Anniversary. GRIT, Family Newspaper. GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, I-27 Amarillo. SALTY, Shriner Clown, with or without personal card. RETIRED, No Job, No Stress. REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 1988, Any 2 for \$1.00 or any 5 for \$2.00 and SASE. Send to Don A. Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St., Metairie, Louisiana, 70003



Also have Lord's Prayer, Martin-Dow #dbHDPG No 6. Unique - grab notch at bottom! On 1960 cent \$2.50 with SASE. (No SASE if combined with an order of the above coins.)

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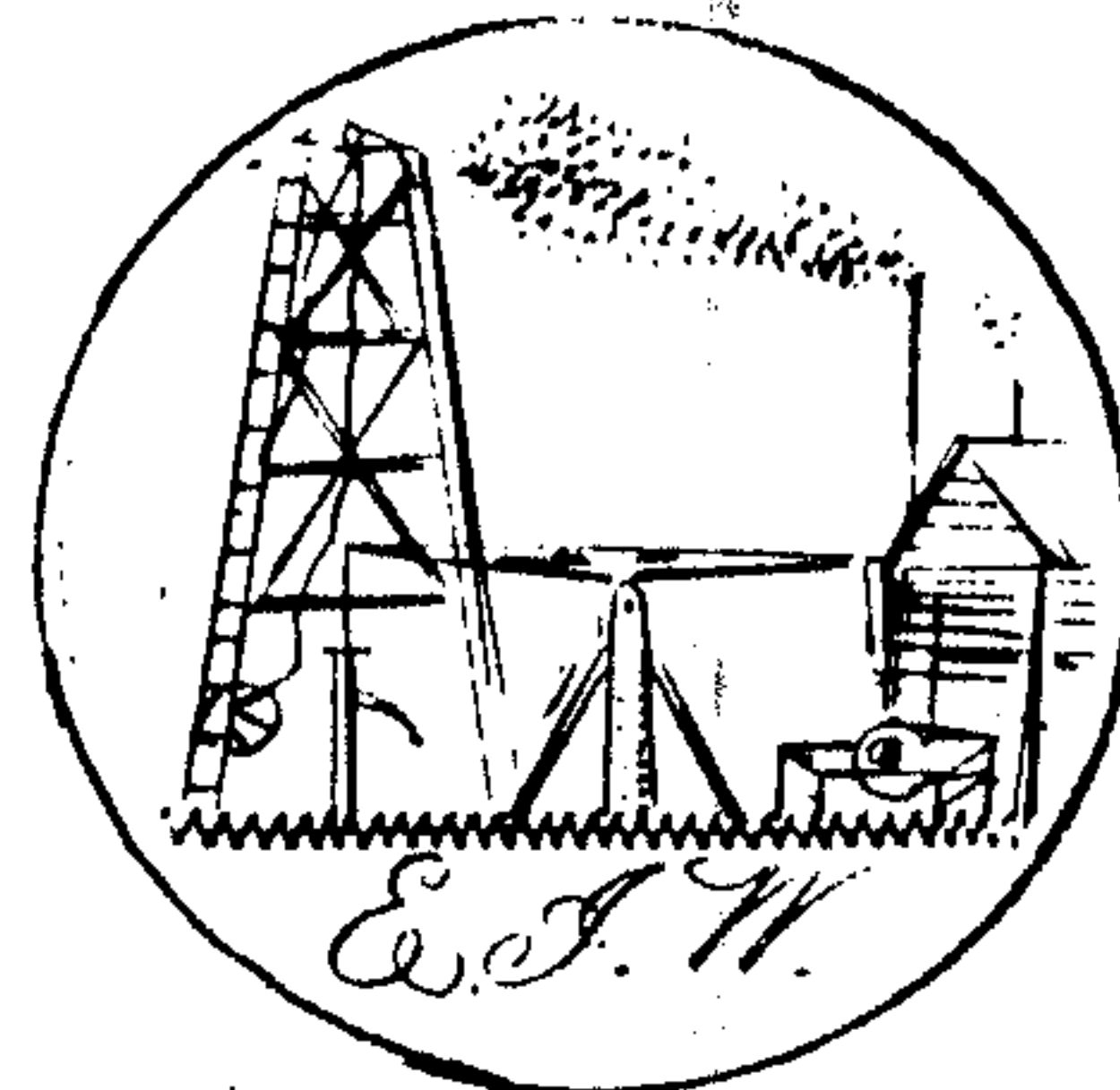
For the American Holiday, JULY 4th, Elongated Cents: " Proud To Be American" and "Paradise On Earth" Elongated Cents only .25¢ ea. with S.A.S.E. and I include large sales list free. Write: John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terr., Miami, FL. 33055

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Cash Paid for 18,512 Tokens?Medals in 1987 Many more needed in 1988. We are celebrating 25 Years of Exclusively Exonumic sales. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA. 95692



DON A. WILKINSON  
LTS NO. 478



### OIL FIELD SCENE

This article is about one of my more interesting Love Tokens featuring an oil field scene. I purchased this token at Gordon's Coin & Knife Shop in Amarillo, Texas for \$10.00 in December 1986.

The token has a reverse showing U.S. quarter dollar of 1836 to 1865 (no rays) vintage and shows evidence of solder spots for a pin. The obverse has a scene of an early oil well rig circa 1860-1910. I had the coin studied by Bennie Wallace of Wallace Engineering, Houston, Texas. Mr. Wallace declares the details in the token scene as being technically accurate for that period. Bennie reminds me that oil was first discovered and produced in Texas in 1895. He describes the engraved scene as follows;

The building on the right is the engine house where steam is generated to operate the steam engine which provides belt transmitted power through the wall of the building to the bull wheel. The bull wheel is connected off center to the walking beam which in turn provides the up and down motion to a cable connected to the down hole drilling tool. The triangular structure holding the walking beam is known as the Sampson Post.

The up and down motion of the drilling tool plus the weight of the tool loosens the dirt down hole which is retrieved by a bucket or bailer. In those days a well was drilled to a depth of approximately 25 to 100 feet. When a pocket of oil was reached, the oil would seep or run into the drill hole.

When oil was reached a simple plunger type pump would be placed in the bottom of the drill hole. A pump rod would be attached to the walking beam, which would give the up and down pumping action.

The structure over the well is a wooden derrick and was used both in the drilling operation and later to service the down hole pump. The rope or line shown dangling on the side of the derrick runs through the sheave or pulley at the top of the derrick and was used to pull out the drilling tool and bailer, then later to pull the pump rods and downhole pump when repairs were necessary.

I wonder what oil well driller or oil baron had this token made or wore it through the years? EIW are the initials under the scene. On the reverse, the initials AB are crudely inscribed in the area on either side of the eagles head.

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Kewpie Doll Coins available from former years! 1985 Merikewp, 1986 Cuddle Kewp, 1987 Katy O'Kewpie available in Cents at \$1.00 ea., on Clad Dimes at \$1.50 ea. On Silver Dimes (Only 20 Made of each) at \$5.00 ea. Have a few 1988 Kewpie Dolls on Clad Dimes only at \$1.50 ea. Send S.A.S.E. when ordering to Mrs. Marie F. Trinny, 6468 Washington St. #64, Yountville, CA. 94599.

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T.E.C. Wants You!

By Ginnie Aldridge  
Board Of Directors  
of T.E.C.

If you are reading this item you have picked up one of the Special ANA issues of TEC Newsletters at the 97th ANA Convention at Cincinnati. Welcome and have fun.

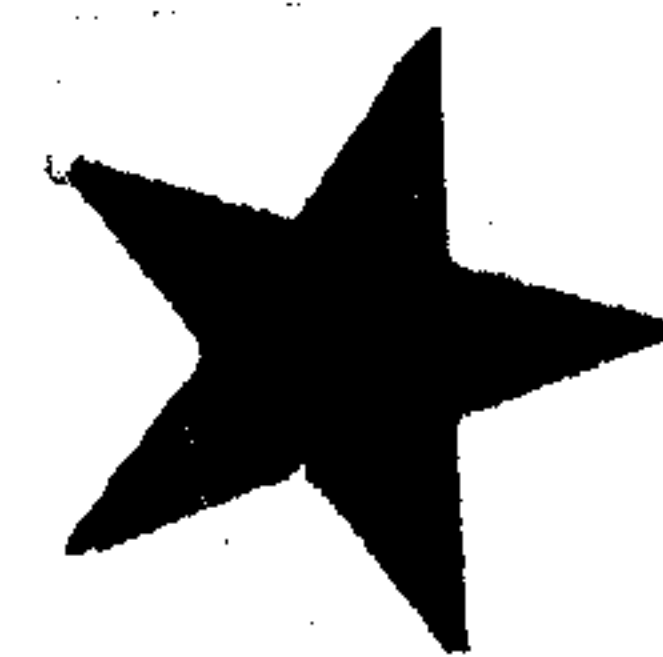
This complimentary special issue of T.E.C. News has been given to you by The Elongated Collectors Club. A member of our organization will read it with pleasure. Even tho it is a short issue, not the normal 20 page issue members get each quarter. What will the non member think of this issue? Will you have questions as to how coins are rolled, who rolls them, is it legal to roll United States Coinage? Well, you are in luck. TEC has a table at the convention and you can get answers to these questions and to many more.

I have been a member of T.E.C. for many years and have yet to find a more rewarding hobby. It is fun to look for additions to my collection at conventions, coin shows, coin shops, flea markets, antique shops and even yard sales. Finding that special coin I need is not the only pleasure derived. Many friendships have been formed and knowledge shared thru the mail. Do you want to have as much fun? Just fill in the application on the back page and send in with only \$5.00 to the secretary. We hope you will join us in this fine hobby. We hope you have, or will, stop by the TEC Table and meet some of the members and pick up a FREE Elongated Coin.

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## DEEP ENGRAVING



YOUR ELONGATED COIN ROLLING DIES ENGRAVED DEEP WITH ANY DESIGN OF YOUR CHOICE. ON YOUR STEEL ROLL OR INSERTS. EXACT DRAWING IS NOT NECESSARY. I CAN ARRANGE YOUR WORDING AND DETAILS FOR A BALANCED APPEARANCE. WE CAN USE A DEEP DOT BORDER OR OTHER STYLES OF BORDERS, YOUR CHOICE. Cost is only \$55.00 each design-deep cut. I pay postage to you.

ALL TYPES OF STEEL ACCEPTED FOR ENGRAVINGS

Write: Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th St. Terre Haute, IN. 47803  
Phone 1-812-235-6826

All adds in this issue are up to date and you may order coins from the members with confidence. If you have any questions about any ad then just write the person for more information. Send a S.A.S.E. for reply. We hope you find something in this issue that will be of interest to you.

If you would like to become a member of TEC then just fill out the membership application on back page and send only \$5.00, yes, that's right, only \$5.00 to join a growing hobby and growing club.

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Will BUY OLDER ELONGATEDS at 15% above the Low Level Price as Listed on page XXIV of Martin-Dow Elongated Book. Also interested in buying all size collections and accumulations. Write: Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mich. 48430

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## ELONGATED COINS

It is generally accepted that rolling of elongated coins in the United States began at the World Columbian Exposition held in Chicago, Illinois in 1892-93. Elongated coins are coins rolled through hand cranked machines consisting of reverse-engraved dies cut in steel rollers, similar in concept to wringers on old fashioned washing machines. Regular coins are run through the rollers under tremendous pressure, which presses the coin into the die and due to the pressure, elongates the coin in the process.

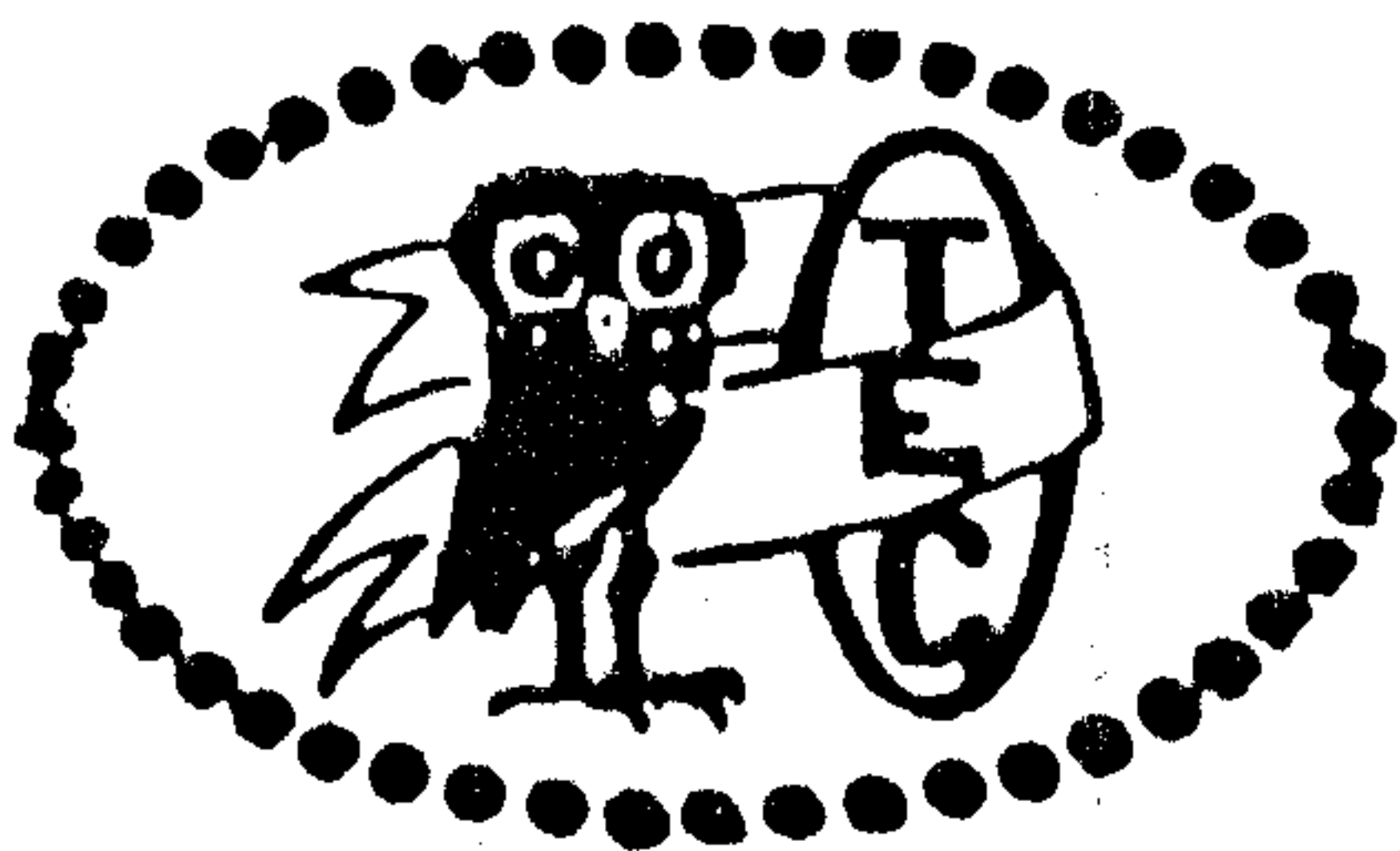
Elongated coins come in all denominations with the one cent piece being by far the most common. It is not illegal to make elongated issues on U.S. coins. Although SECTION 331, TITLE 18 of the U.S. CODE prohibits the fraudulent alteration and mutilation of U.S. coins, the status does not prohibit mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or use.

With the start as a money making souvenir at world fairs or expositions, the elongated coin has evolved into mementos of most any event, activity or topic. Many more are rolled for use as store or personal cards. Prices of elongated coins vary depending on number rolled, age, denominations, popularity of topic or event, even condition of the coin. Only three books on elongates which catalog and provide a price guide have been published, however the more common and numerous elongateds sell for between 50¢ and \$1.00. It is estimated there are a thousand elongated coin collectors with large general collections, and many thousands more persons collected topical or specialty elongates.

Older elongated coins are found at coin shops or shows, flea markets, even garage sales. Elongateds are rolled and sold at many events, fairs, shows and other activities, plus used as personal or store cards. Several die designers and engravers art are commercially available at a moderate cost. There are over 100 active "rollers" in the U.S. many whom will roll coins for you at a nominal cost. There are a number of major collectors who occasionally publish lists of elongated coins they are willing to sell. There are a small number of dealers in Americana Exonumia, that also issue catalogs and sell elongated coins by mail or auction.

There is an active association of elongated collectors known as The Elongated Collectors (TEC), which has elected officers, publishes a tri-monthly newsletter and meets annually at the American Numismatic Association National Convention where they also sponsor an exhibit and booth. If you would like to know more about elongated coins and/or considering collecting them, your best bet is to join the TEC (\$5.00 per year), and get in the main stream of the action and information flow. The present TEC Secretary is Mr. Raymond Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Michigan, 48430.





THE ELONGATED COLLECTOR  
--APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP--  
( Please Print or Type)



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Raymond Dillard (Secretary)  
P.O.Box 161  
Fenton, Mich. 48430

When completed, please forward this application to the secretary with your check made out to "TEC" for \$ 5.00 for the calendar year. (Dues are due every January 1st.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS COLLECTING ELONGATEDS \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIALTY \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that if I am admitted to membership, I will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of TEC and its code of Ethics.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
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Admitted to Membership (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Club# \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



THE ELONGATED COLLECTOR (TEC)



Dues for one year membership in the Elongated Collectors Club is only \$5.00. For this \$5.00 dues;

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- You get a membership coin and a life long TEC member number when you join.
- You get a free Elongated Coin with each Newsletter.
- You write a Newsletter article you'll get an award coin. In 1987 only 45 coins were rolled and presented. These coins may be the rare collectors items of tomorrow.
- You get an opportunity to buy a limited edition TEC-ANA Convention Badge rolled on a quarter for only \$5.00.
- You get to place a free ad in each Newsletter.

We feel there are many advantages in being a member of TEC. Won't you join us? Get in the mainstream of the nice people that collect elongated coins!

